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Dear Sir or Madam:

I ask that you grant the petition of docket number 98P-0151/CP1. This petition would prohibit the slaughter of downed animals, those animals too sick or injured to even stand up. I think it is nothing short of cruelty to push these animals with tractors or drag them with chains, which often leads to broken bones, torn ligaments, and other bodily injuries. There is absolutely no reason for this. Downed animals should be humanely euthanized right in the stockyards.

I am also very concerned about diseases (i.e., Mad Cow Disease) that these animals may be carrying. The thought of eating beef that came from a sick cow is nauseating. Why would the USFDS not want to remove these animals from the food/meat supply? I understand that downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals used for meat, and so I don't believe there will be a huge financial impact on meat suppliers. In addition, the vast majority of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling of the animals.

As a mother of three children, I am very concerned about our meat supply, especially the recent outbreaks of Mad Cow Disease. I am also very concerned about the way the animals are treated. Just because they will eventually be slaughtered does not mean we should not treat them humanely. Therefore, I ask that you grant this petition.

Sincerely,


Diana Cora

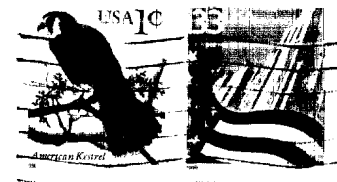
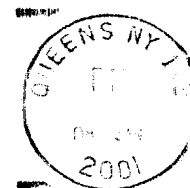
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